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SUBJECT: SITHOLE'S VIEWS ON ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

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1. IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL AMEMB RELAYS SOME QUESTIONS PUT BY SITHOLE CONCERNING THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND. IN THIS CABLE WE TRANSMIT RESPONSES TO SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS IF THEY ARE RAISED AGAIN WITH THE EMBASSY.

2. FIRST QUESTION IS WHETHER THE FUND WOULD BE ENTIRELY GRANT. WE EXPECT SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE FUND'S OPERATION TO BE WORKED OUT AFTER OBTAINING FINANCIAL COMMIT-

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MENTS FROM DONORS. WE EXPECT THE FUND TO PROVIDE BOTH LOANS AND GRANTS. WE CANNOT ANSWER SUCH QUESTIONS AS DURATION OF LOANS AND INTEREST RATES AT THIS TIME.

3. SECOND QUESTION IS WHETHER THE FUND WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRAMS OF A NEW GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE OR WAIT FOR AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE. WE EXPECT THE

FUND TO BEGIN SOME OPERATIONS DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD SINCE ITS FOCUS IS TO ENCOURAGE BALANCED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TO EFFECT A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE. FOR EXAMPLE, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO

FINANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF AFRICANS DURING THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT PERIOD. MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS MAY REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE DATA COLLECTION AND PROJECT ANALYSIS AND PLANNING AND THUS MIGHT NOT BEGIN UNTIL AFTER THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT PERIOD.

4. THIRD AND FOURTH QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT THE MECHANICS OF FUND DISBURSEMENT AND RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES. WE WOULD ENVISAGE THAT DETAILED PROJECTS WOULD BE WORKED OUT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ZIMBABWE GOVERNMENT AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF A BOARD OF DIRECTORS. WE WOULD HOPE ANY HONEST DIFFERENCES OF OPINION COULD BE DISCUSSED AND NEGOTIATED TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.
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